

Two Species of Nepticulidae (Lepidoptera) new to Somerset and one new to North Somerset

I would like to report the discovery of the following species of Nepticulidae in Somerset.

Ectoedemia quinquella (Bedell) at Hollow Marsh (grid reference ST 6156) in Vice-county 6 (North Somerset), on 16 October 1999. A vacated mine was found on *Quercus robur*. This species has been spreading westwards and has been recorded from all the vice-counties adjacent to North Somerset except for South Somerset.

Stigmella samiatella (Zeller) at King's Cliff Wood (ST 2631) in VC 5 (South Somerset), on 20 July 1999. The vacated mine was found on *Castanea sativa*. The nearest records to this site are in South Wiltshire (VC 8) and South Wales.

Ectoedemia angulifasciella (Stainton) was found on *Rosa canina* at Hollow Marsh on 14 October 1998 and again on 16 October 1999. I have also recorded it from Turn Hill (ST 4131) and Westhay Moor (ST 4544). All these sites are in North Somerset. This species had not been previously recorded in North Somerset although it is known from every other English vice-county except North Northumberland.

I would like to thank John Robbins for identifying *S. samiatella* and confirming my identifications of *E. angulifasciella* and *E. quinquella*. I would also like to thank Maitland Emmet for confirming the new county records and for the information on the distribution of these species.— MARTIN ELLIS, 14 Great Ostry, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5TT. (E-mail: mjellis@tesco.net).

Hazards of butterfly collecting: Visiting the Flemings – Malaysia, 1975

In November, 1975, I was on my first visit to Malaysia, part of a team running a seminar on the evaluation of family planning programmes. It was my first trip farther east than India; I would be able to take a ten-day vacation. I had written in advance to local members of various entomological societies. I had published *Butterflies of Lebanon* the year before, fine reviews were just coming out, and for the first time I had the vicarious pleasure of feeling famous!

A few days before the end of my seminar, three of the most well-known butterfly collectors converged on the Equatorial Hotel for a planning session, together with my late wife Kiki. I was to be looked after sequentially: First a long weekend with Anthony Owston and his wife. Then four days with Henry Barlow in the Genting Highlands, just 40 km out of Kuala Lumpur. Then four days with Wicky and Alix Fleming, who had just published an excellent illustrated guide to the butterflies of the Malay Peninsula, somewhere up in Selangor. This seemed a splendid and most generous arrangement; it was actually much better than that!